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1. Early in September 1954, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry intensified its drive to convert farms locally administered (Oertliche Landwirtschaftsbetriebe - OeLB) into agricultural production cooperatives (Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsgenossenschaften - LPG). This drive was carried on by the councils (Raete) of the various Bezirke and Kreise.
2. Farmers working on farms locally administered have been receiving higher wages and allowances than members of production cooperatives. For example, a family of four persons has been receiving a daily allowance of approximately 2 kg of grain (rye, oats, wheat) and, in addition to this, approximately one morgen of land for their own farming purposes. This represented an attempt by the East German Government to eliminate the Grossbauer (owner of a large farm) by forcing him to pay these higher wages and allowances to the workers on his farm. Also, these allowances had priority over the farmer's obligatory deliveries to the State (Soll Erfuellung). 25X1
3. The attempt to transform the locally administered farms into agricultural production cooperatives, has, however, not been entirely successful. The farmer working on a locally administered farm is hesitant to give up what freedom he enjoys as an independent farmer and also to sacrifice the higher wages and allowances he has been receiving. 25X1

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